



Patent
Attorney's Docket No. 032326-072

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
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 Nathalie FEYT et al.) Group Art Unit: 2876
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 Application No.: 09/646,564) Examiner: M. Tremblay
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 Filed: December 18, 2000) Confirmation No.: 1742
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 For: DEVICES FOR HIDING OPERATIONS)
 PERFORMED IN A)
 MICROPROCESSOR CARD)
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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

[] A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

[] A Terminal Disclaimer and the [] \$55.00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed. MAY 20 2004
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[] Also enclosed is/are _____

[] Small entity status is hereby claimed.

[] Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$375.00 (2801) [] \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

[] Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.

[] Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

[] A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

[x] No additional claim fee is required.

[] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

| AMENDED CLAIMS | | | | | |
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| | NO. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | ADDT'L FEE |
| Total Claims | | MINUS = | | × \$18.00 (1202) = | |
| Independent Claims | | MINUS = | | × \$84.00 (1201) = | |
| If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203) | | | | | |
| Total Amendment Fee | | | | | |
| If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee | | | | | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | |

[] A claim fee in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

[] Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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In response the Office Action mailed December 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 3 and 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 2, and 5-7 with the following:

2. A device for hiding operations performed by a component intended to be integrated into a smart card, the device comprising:

means for modifying electrical current consumption of said component during performance of said operations, said means for modifying comprising at least one circuit for integrating the current of the component so as to average the variations in this current over time.